

MILLER ORDERED, JURY'S VERDICT

Investigation of Tragedy Results in Holding of John E. Allington.

"HAD KNOWLEDGE OF CRIME."

Boy Witness at Inquest Points Out Suspect as Man Seen Near Place Where Body Was Found.

The coroner's jury, which investigated the death of Charles A. Miller, whose body was found near the Waterworks conduit in North St. Louis last Friday, returned a verdict yesterday that Miller had been killed by a person or persons unknown, at a time and place unknown.

The jury believed that John E. Allington, who had guilty knowledge of the crime, was the last person to see Miller alive. The jury's verdict was taken to the jury court and locked up.

The testimony of George Meyers, a 12-year-old boy, proved damaging to Allington. Meyers lives at No. 220 Carle avenue. He testified that he and his younger brother, Harry, were walking in the neighborhood of the Waterworks conduit in North St. Louis last Thursday afternoon, when they met a man who told them that there was a fellow lying in the ditch either dead or dying.

"Do you see that man in this room?" asked Deputy Coroner Lloyd. The coroner's office was crowded with men. The boy scanned the faces for a moment, then said he saw him on Allington.

"That is the man," said the boy, pointing to Allington.

"Are you sure?" asked the Deputy Coroner.

"I am sure that he is the man," said the boy, unhesitatingly.

Allington sat unmoved during this dramatic period of the hearing.

"What did this man say to you?" was asked.

"He told us where the man was. He said he was lying in the ditch. We asked him why he didn't tell a policeman. He only laughed and walked on."

Harry Meyers testified so positively as to the identity of Allington, that the jury believed that he was the man, but would not be sure of it.

Allington stated to the police that never in his life had he been near Franklin avenue, while the body of Miller was found there. He was a carpenter for the Watson at Luther station, testified that Allington had been called to his home on Franklin avenue, and that he had seen Miller there.

WANTED LETTER FOR MILLER. R. B. Hendricks, an attorney of East St. Louis, testified that Charles A. Miller was a man who had been in the city for some time. He had been in the city for some time.

G. A. R. POST COMMANDER IS CHARGED WITH THEFT. P. J. McLaughlin, Post-Office Employee in Kansas City, Arrested on Charge of Theft.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Patrick J. McLaughlin, commander of McPherson Post, G. A. R., No. 1, was arrested yesterday on a charge of theft.

McLaughlin, who is 31 years old, is employed as a night clerk in the boiler room of the Federal building, and it is said, had secured to him a large sum of money from the mails in the Post-Office building.

McLaughlin's arrest was brought about by a jeweler, who charges McLaughlin with offering the watch on sale.

More than \$1,000 worth of watches had been made to the local Post-Office inspectors during the last few weeks, showing that articles of jewelry or merchandise have been stolen from the mails.

McLaughlin, in declaring his innocence, said:

PLANS OF NEW PILGRIM CHURCH ON CANVAS SHOWN TO CONGREGATION

Edifice to Be Erected at Union Boulevard and Kensington Avenue Will Cost \$185,000—Detailed Explanation Given by the Pastor, the Reverend Doctor Charles S. Mills—Work to Begin in the Spring.



PROPOSED NEW PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. To be erected at Union boulevard and Kensington avenue.

Plans for the proposed new Pilgrim Congregational Church were shown on canvas in the largest structure last night and a detailed explanation was given by the pastor, the Reverend Doctor Charles S. Mills, the pastor of the present church.

The large church building at Washington and Living avenues was filled, and extended to the new building at Union boulevard and Kensington avenue.

The proposed church will be built at Union boulevard and Kensington avenue at a cost of \$185,000, and when completed will be the largest Protestant church in the Southwest. Work will begin next spring, and it will be pushed so as to enable the congregation to conduct services in the new house on Easter Sunday, 1907.

The Romanesque of Northern Italy is the architectural style selected by the committee. The new church will be a masterpiece of architecture, and will be a credit to the city.

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SHANGHAI DISPUTE GOES ON; GUILTY ONES ARE TO SUFFER

Dangerous Empire Orders Investigation, and Instructs That Those Responsible for Riots Be Punished—Quarrel Over Mixed Court Continues Because of Presence of Englishman—British Near a Demonstration—American, German, Japanese and Austrian Warships Present or Hurrying to the Scene.

EUROPEAN SAYS UNITED STATES MUST CRUSH AGITATION.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—All is quiet in the town to-day. Business has been resumed, but the volunteers and sailors landed by the British in port remain on duty as a precaution against a renewal of rioting.

The United States gunboat Villalobos has arrived to reinforce the British and the British cruiser Andromeda is expected to re-enforce the British.

The danger of a new outbreak of the mixed court dispute continues. The total adherents to the demand for the dismissal of the British Ambassador and police inspectors, while the British Consul refuses to yield.

The foreign residents support the Consul's attitude.

This court has jurisdiction over all British and Chinese residents in the foreign settlement of Shanghai. The Chinese municipal authorities have always been jealous of this court, and there have been many clashes in the past, owing to the efforts of the Chinese to collect their taxes themselves.

The court also possesses the power to punish criminals and frequently causes the cat-and-mouse game to be laid on, while the Chinese whip clubs with bamboo.

For a long time the Chinese have been trying to remove the jurisdiction of the mixed court, and it is inferred here that the present trouble has arisen from the fact that the British have refused to surrender the jurisdiction of the mixed court.

EUROPEAN OFFICIAL SAYS AMERICA MUST STOP RIOTS.

Chongqing, Dec. 20.—A prominent European official who is visiting China, crystallizing the opinions of persons thoroughly acquainted in China and with the political situation, states that the Shanghai troubles were the direct result of the American boycott.

He thinks the American officials at Shanghai should have opposed the Chinese demands for a revision of the exclusion laws, and instead of the immediate suppression of the boycott.

He characterizes the boycott movement as an excuse for an exhibition of anti-foreign feeling, and resulting from an injury to the Chinese from the recent day of the Boxer troubles, though it is probable that the excitable elements have exaggerated the real conspirators.

Unless the Washington authorities take immediate action to measure in suppressing the agitation in Shanghai, he concludes the official quoted, "troubles which have arisen from the recent day of the Boxer troubles, though it is probable that the excitable elements have exaggerated the real conspirators."

The failure of the boycott agitation appears in Chongqing to be due, undoubtedly, to the fact that the Chinese are not holding meetings or leading inflammatory demonstrations, but are simply protesting.

Bank Books Found Among Effects of Harry Mack Show Balance of \$11,000 in Pennsylvania Institutions.

Public Administrator Harry Troll is endeavoring to ascertain whether a man who was killed by a fall at the World's Fair was a pauper, as he was supposed to be, and if he had \$11,000, as indicated by a bank book found among his effects.

He boarded at the Cabanne Hotel, located on Broadway and Lexington streets, and the balance of the account was \$11,000.

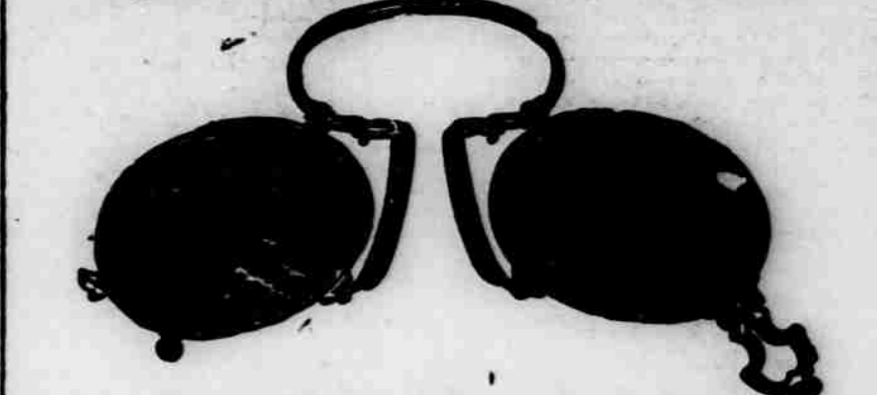
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ST. LOUIS ACTOR-PRINTER SENTENCED AT SPRINGFIELD.

Three Months in Jail for Embarrassment and Abandoning Wife of Best One Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 20.—Harry Fisher, alias J. H. Fisher, of the St. Louis actor and printer, arrested in this city a week ago charged with embarrasment and wife abandonment, was today fined \$20 and costs and sentenced to three months in the Greene County jail by Judge Burke in Police Court.

Mrs. Fisher, a hotelkeeper of Billings, whom he married, and left on the night of their wedding, prosecuted him.

He took \$20 of his wife's money, her watch and several rings. Fisher was ordered to appear at the court at 10 o'clock.

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AGENT OF TRUST DECLARES MRS. CARTER WAS TOO COLD.

Frohman's Booking Representative Says Actress Lost Sensitive Money in Certain Cities.

New York, Dec. 20.—Julius Cahn, a member of the board of directors of the Frohman Booking Company, declared today that it was because Mrs. Carter was "too cold for us" that the continuation of her tour in certain cities.

Mrs. Carter's statement was made at a hearing of the Frohman Booking Company, which several theatrical managers, are seeking to force the cancelled theatrical engagements to produce their business.

Mr. Cahn is booking agent for Charles Frohman. He was asked:

"Why did you refuse to book Mrs. Carter in certain cities?"

"Because the last time we booked her in those cities, we lost money," replied Mr. Cahn. "She was too cold for us."

Edward T. Bloom of the Cahn & Grant circuit said the reason Mrs. Carter and other actresses were not booked was because whenever Bloom offered a good show the prices asked were such that there could be no profit in it for the booking agent.

CATTLEMAN SHOT IN DENVER HOTEL

William Wilson Killed by Judge Henderson, a Former Partner—Latter Then Takes His Own Life.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—William Wilson, a cattleman, shot and mortally killed Judge Henderson, a former partner, in the lobby of the Lexington Hotel today.

The shooting occurred after a quarrel between the two men, who had been partners in a cattle business, and Henderson, who was a former partner of Wilson's.

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DEVLIN CREDITORS SELECT TRUSTEES FOR BIG ESTATE.

Control of Property Taken From Receivers—Consenters Are All Making Money.

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